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☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

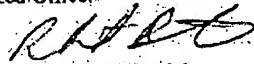
☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed☐ A translation of the international application into
translation furnished for the purposes of:

which is the language of a

☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b));☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished☒ the description:

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☒ the claims:

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☒ the drawings:

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☐ the description, pages☐ the claims, Nos.☐ the drawings, sheets/figs☐ the sequence listing (specify):☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify):4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).☐ the description, pages☐ the claims, Nos.☐ the drawings, sheets/figs☐ the sequence listing (specify):☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify):

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1) WO 2004/025603

D2) US 6077080

D3) US 5429513

D4) The Macquarie Library PL, "The Macquarie Dictionary" Second revision 1988

D5) DE 10203746

D6) US 6729882

D7) WO 2001/067278

D8) US 5567159

D9) US 4655713

Novelty:

None of the citations, or any obvious combination of them, disclose all of the features defined in your claims 1 to 19. In particular the features of encoding words by identifying a plurality of different vowel sounds, representing each different vowel and the letters forming a vowel sound, by a first and second indicia furthermore using five indicia covering different sounds of letters in a word whereby a word is represented by a combination of the first to fifth indicia. As such the claims are considered to be both novel and inventive in light of these documents.

The claims are considered to satisfy the industrial applicability criterion in the field of teaching aides: